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COMMISSION MEETING

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Friday, April 14, 1995

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State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education
Minutes of the Meeting
April 14, 1995
Friday

I. Call to Order

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session beginning at 9:32 a.m. in the Ramada Plaza Hotel Panorama Ballroom, 31 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, with Chairman Patrick Hoehn presiding.

II. Roll Call of Members and Determination of a Quorum

Members present: Mr. Frederick T. Bauer, Dr. David Chube, Mr. Mark Gerstle, Dr. John H. Gottcent, Dr. Arthur Hansen, Mr. G. Patrick Hoehn, Mr. Matthew Hopper, Mr. Vito Iovino, Dr. Daisy Riley Lloyd, Ms. Patricia A. Lodyga, Ms. Nancy Ralston.

Members absent: Mr. Karl Bandemer, Mr. Stephen Ferguson, Mr. Daniel Tuley

The following presidents attended the meeting: President Phillip Summers of Vincennes University, President Ray Hoops of the University of Southern Indiana, President John Worthen of Ball State University, President T.K. Olson of the Independent Colleges of Indiana, President John Moore of Indiana State University and President Gerald Lamkin of Indiana Vocational Technical College.

III. Consideration of the Minutes of the March Commission meeting

R-95-4.1: RESOLVED: That the Commission does hereby approve the Minutes of the March Commission Meeting. (motion-Lodyga, second-Chube)

IV. Commissioner's Report

Dr. Robert Ruble, financial affairs director, reported on the progress of the higher education budget recommendations in the Indiana General Assembly. He provided details of the changes in the Indiana Senate version of the bill. (Copies of the budget handout are available upon request.)

John Gottcent noted that the Senate version of the budget bill included seven capital projects while 10 were reviewed by the Commission. Institution presidents were asked to comment on overall funding for state colleges and universities.

Mr. John Huie, vice president for state relations at Purdue University, said he hoped the Indiana General Assembly doesn't accept the operating budget in its current form. He said institution representatives are trying to get the operating request figures closer to the Commission's recommendation and they want the Commission to encourage House and Senate conferees to put 1 percent more in the budget.

President John Worthen, of Ball State University, said to get the figure to the level recommended by the Commission would take \$24 million for all institutions for the first year. He said there is money available to do that and he added institutions have not had an increase in appropriations in four years. He said they submitted modest requests and that "it's higher education's turn." President Worthen urged the Commission to support the institutions before the Legislature.

V. Discussion Items

A. Indiana's Educational Attainment and Degree Production in National Context: A Working Paper

Dr. Ken Sauer, associate commissioner, presented a working paper on Indiana's educational attainment and degree production. Tables and graphs were shown, comparing Indiana with the rest of the nation in terms of production and attainment. (Copies are available upon request.) Dr. Sauer stressed that the Commission staff was reluctant to draw conclusions from the data because more information must be considered, such as a study in the works on student mobility, and more information about the needs of state business and industry and the structure of Indiana's economy.

Chairman Hoehn asked whether statistics are available on the percentage of Indiana high school graduates who go on to college.

Commissioner Clyde Ingle said 1992-93 figures indicate 54 percent of graduates attended an Indiana institution, up from 48 percent during the period four years earlier. Chairman Hoehn asked for a comparison to the national average. Dr. Ingle replied that Indiana is still below average in that respect.

Mr. Jeffrey Weber, manager of information and research, said Indiana is near the national average, but slightly below it. Chairman Hoehn also asked whether the Commission staff had related figures for non-traditional students. Dr. Ingle said that the figures he recited included non-traditional students.

Chairman Hoehn said it would be helpful to equate the figures to the costs to the state for lower rates of attainment. Dr. Ingle said a recent business and research publication said real income in Indiana has increased, but the state's position overall has slipped to 24th in the nation. That decline, he said, has cost the state nearly \$1 billion. Dr. Sauer told the Commission that a future working paper will address the condition of Indiana's economy and education.

Dr. Chube asked if production and attainment numbers are down because more students are seeking professional degrees and not associate degrees.

Mr. Stephen Ferguson asked whether the production and attainment numbers included private institutions. Dr. Sauer said they did. He said the production figures included a combination of resident and non-resident students, but mainly focused on residents. He said the figures for attainment included students who earned degrees from other states.

Mr. Ferguson asked whether figures were available on the numbers of Indiana high school graduates who get degrees from out-of-state institutions. Mr. Weber said 5.9 percent of graduates leave Indiana to get a degree.

President Worthen asked if it was possible that specific figures on bachelor's degrees could suggest bachelor's degree students Indiana produces are leaving the state.

Dr. Ingle said the suggestion could be made and that the Commission staff is seeking greater detail about that subject in a future working paper.

Dr. William Kramer, vice president of Indiana Vocational Technical College, said that according to IVTC data, 49 percent of undergraduate students in the nation are enrolled in 2-year programs and 50.5 percent are enrolled in 4-year programs. In Indiana, he said, 16 percent are enrolled in 2-year programs and 83 percent are in 4-year programs. Two-year attainment and production figures may be down in Indiana because not as many students are enrolled in those programs, he said.

President Ray Hoops sought a comparison of the proportion of high school graduates who go on to post-secondary education in Indiana and nationwide. Dr. Ingle said the Commission staff is preparing that now.

B. Student Share of Program Costs

Mr. Randy Sotomayor, commission fellow, presented a report on how student shares of instructional program costs have increased in the last six years.

Dr. Hansen asked how the calculations were made. He said he believed the cost figures shown in tables and graphs represented the minimum costs. Mr. Sotomayor explained that the report focused on the minimum program costs and that some cost categories were not included, such as off-campus instruction, correspondence, television and radio categories and overhead.

Dr. Ingle said the objective was to understand how much of overall instruction costs were paid by the state and how much were paid by the student. The important issue, he said, was the shifting of the cost.

Dr. Gottcent asked where Indiana places nationally in terms of student share. Mr. Sotomayor said he didn't have those statistics with him, but would investigate.

Dr. Ingle noted student share figures reflect spending traditions of individual states. North Carolina, for example, has a relatively low student share, whereas Indiana and Minnesota are relatively high, he said.

Judy Palmer, Indiana University vice president, said it's important for managers of institutions to look at bottom lines, such as how to allocate efforts to graduate versus undergraduate.

Before introducing the next item of business, Chairman Hoehn recognized the outgoing Commission student representative, John Ray. He also congratulated the University of Southern Indiana on its NCAA divisional men's basketball championship.

VI. Decision Items

A. Academic Degree Programs

1. Associate in Science in Nursing to be Offered by Vincennes University in Jasper

Vincennes University requested authority for an A.S. in Nursing to be Offered by Vincennes University in Jasper. Dr. Summers said the program was intended for a rural population and would benefit local health care employers in the area. Dr. Sauer said the area was in need of the LPN completion program.

R-95-4.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education approve the Associate in Science in Nursing to be Offered by Vincennes University in Jasper, in accordance with the background discussion in this agenda item and the *Abstract*, March 31, 1995; and that the Commission recommend no new state funds, in accordance with the supporting document, *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary*, March 31, 1995. (motion-Ferguson, second-Chube)

2. Associate in Science in Health Information Technology to be Offered by Indiana University Southeast in New Albany

Indiana University requested authority for an A.S. in Health Information Technology to be offered by IU Southeast in New Albany. Dr. Sauer said this program is not currently available in the area. He said Indiana does not certify medical record technicians, but that they are eligible for national registry.

R-95-4.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education approve the Associate in Science in Health Information Technology to be offered by Indiana University Southeast in New Albany, in accordance with the background discussion in this agenda item and the Abstract, March 31, 1995; and that the Commission consider recommending new state funds during a future budget cycle, in accordance with the supporting document, New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary, March 31, 1995. (motion-Lloyd, second-Gerstle)

3. Associate of Science in Radiation Therapy to be Offered by Ball State University in Indianapolis

Ball State University has requested authority for an A.S. in Radiation Therapy to be offered by Ball State University in Indianapolis. This program would parallel four other programs now operated by Ball State University in collaboration with Methodist Hospital. It would be cost-effective in that students would attend Ball State University in their first year, then go to Methodist Hospital in the second year. The program is accredited because of the hospital's accreditation. The state doesn't register technicians, but they are eligible for national registry. Dr. Gottcent expressed disappointment that students in the program wouldn't appear to be exposed to humanities courses such as ethics, which he said would be linked to the health field, even at the associate degree level.

R-95-4.4 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education approve the Associate in Science in Radiation Therapy to be offered by Ball State University in Indianapolis, in accordance with the background discussion in this agenda item and the Abstract, March 31, 1995; and that the Commission recommend no new state funds, in accordance with the supporting document, New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary, March 31, 1995. (motion-Lodyga, second-Bauer)

4. Associate in Science and Associate in Applied Science in Accounting to be Offered by Indiana Vocational Technical College-Madison in Lawrenceburg

IVTC has requested authority for an A.S. and A.A.S. in Accounting to be offered by IVTC-Madison in Lawrenceburg. Dr. William Kramer said the Lawrenceburg area has been targeted for more course opportunities. When this program is fully developed, it will accommodate 62 students.

R-95-4.5 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education approve the Associate in Science and the Associate in Applied Science in Accounting to be offered by Indiana Vocational Technical College-Madison in Lawrenceburg, in accordance with the background discussion in this agenda item and the Abstract, March 31, 1995; and that the Commission recommend no new state funds, in accordance with the supporting document, New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary, March 31, 1995. (motion-Gottcent, second-Hansen)

Dr. Gottcent said he was happy to see a humanities course included in this program, and he asked the difference between the Associate in Science and the Associate in Applied Science. Dr. Kramer said students who seek an Associate in Science must take six more hours of general education courses than those who seek an Associate in Applied Science. Dr. Ingle said the distinction between the two degree programs is increasingly blurred, especially in accounting. Dr. Kramer added IVTC is looking at whether it makes sense for the institution to continue to offer both programs.

5. Associate in Science and Associate in Applied Science in Computer Information Systems to be Offered by Indiana Vocational Technical College-Madison in Lawrenceburg

IVTC has requested authority for an A.S. and A.A.S. in Computer Information Systems to be offered by IVTC-Madison in Lawrenceburg. Dr. Kramer said IVTC's computer program was one of the most successful, aside from the nursing program. Students can specialize in personal computer networking or programming. The program would be new for Lawrenceburg, and he believes many graduates would be able to find jobs in the Lawrenceburg/Cincinnati area.

R-95-4.6: RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education approve the Associate in Science and Associate in Applied Science in Computer Information Systems to be offered by Indiana Vocational Technical College-Madison in Lawrenceburg, in accordance with the background discussion in this agenda item and the Abstract, March 31, 1995; and that the Commission recommend no new state funds,

in accordance with the supporting document, New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary, March 31, 1995. (motion-Lodyga, second-Chube)

B. Capital Project

1. Indiana Vocational Technical College North Meridian Renovation Phase I

The trustees of IVTC request authority to proceed with a planned \$4 million Phase I renovation of the North Meridian Center in Indianapolis, as authorized by the 1991 Indiana General Assembly. Dr. Kramer said IVTC is exploring options for alternative debt service funding for the upcoming biennium as fee replacement is currently not in the budget. He said the institution's East Washington Street building will be closed this summer because it's unsuitable for use, therefore putting more pressure on IVTC to go ahead with the project. The renovation will include improvements to the building's heating, ventilation and air conditioning, asbestos removal and elevators.

Mr. Bob Holmes, IVTC assistant treasurer, explained that bond rates were at 7 or 8 percent when the project first was approved. Now, interest rates are lower, and IVTC may be able to use the difference between the rates for two years until the institution can get debt service appropriation from the Legislature. He said the process is similar to that which Purdue University has followed. Chairman Hoehn cautioned that the security of the process may change as interest rates change. Mr. Holmes said there is some risk involved, but IVTC has tried to minimize it. The benefit to the state, he said, is that the institution can pay off the principal earlier. Dr. Kramer and members of the Commission discussed the option of building a temporary facility for use during the renovation, as well as other options and the costs associated with the options. Due to the alternatives presented, a motion was made to amend the staff recommendation.

R-95-4.7: RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education does hereby recommend approval to the State Budget Agency and the State Budget Committee of the proposed Indiana Vocational Technical College-Central Indiana North Meridian Renovation Phase I, as described in the project description dated April 3, 1995. The Commission expresses its reservations about the proposed project financing, and believes that a careful review by the Budget Committee should precede the actual financing. (motion-Ferguson, second-Lodyga)

Dr. Ingle said he was uncomfortable with the Commission's recommending support of a project whose details still are undecided.

C. Acceptance of Independent College FY1994 Student Information

President T.K. Olson, of the Independent Colleges of Indiana, said next year all campuses will report, and that because they lacked capacity to do so this year, Ancilla College and Holy Cross College did not. Wabash College did not report because of computer problems. Participation has improved as well as the quality of colleges' submissions, he said.

R-95-4.8: RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education accept the 1993-94 Annual Student Information System (SIS) data from 32 Indiana independent colleges as the official source for data on Indiana independent postsecondary education for Commission analyses on all pertinent subjects, as submitted by these institutions, and in accordance with the background information provided. (motion-Bauer, second-Gerstle)

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for May 12, 1995 at the Westin Hotel, Indianapolis.

Mr. G. Patrick Hoehn, Chairman

Dr. Daisy Riley Lloyd, Secretary